

# THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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## THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

SURGEON J. S. BILLINGS and Assistant Surgeons Washington Mathews and F. C. Ainsworth have been ordered to Washington to examine candidates for admission to the medical corps.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has sustained the demerit of the Government and awarded a judgment of \$100,000 in the case of the United States against John N. Oliver, a justice of the peace, who resisted the right of the President to remove him, and claimed that he could be displaced only by the District Supreme Court.

POSTMASTER GENERAL VILAS has expressed himself as adverse to the formation of a union of postal clerks.

The United States Pacific squadron has been ordered to Honolulu. It consists of the Albatross, four gunboats, eight gunboats, and Vandallia, eight gunboats. The Asiatic squadron of six men-of-war, will also be ordered to Honolulu, if events warrant it.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior a report from the Surveyor-General of Arizona Territory on the private land claim known as the Tres Alamos No. 107. The Surveyor-General recommends that the claim be rejected, as the tract in question amounts to 440,000 acres.

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THE final heat in the rowing regatta at Worcester, Mass., on the 14th, was won by Teemer, who defeated Hamm and Lee.

### THE WEST.

THE St. Louis-Baltimore game was stopped by the police of St. Louis on the 10th after the first inning, ball playing on Sunday being in violation of the Sunday law.

Governor COLBERT, of Illinois, has ordered a strict quarantine against the infected quinine of Chicago.

THE evening edition of the Terre Haute (Ind.) Daily Express has been sold to the Gazette and consolidated with that paper.

SEVERAL small buildings near Highmore, D. T., were destroyed by a windstorm the other night.

EAST SAGINAW (Mich.) mill employees are working to secure the exclusion of French Canadians who come over during the winter to work in the woods, at which time mill men can only find work in the lumber camps. The practice is thought to be a violation of the statute prohibiting the contracting of foreign workmen to work in the country.

HONG DEY, who was recently found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Blyon at Colusa, Cal., was lynched by a mob the same night. The lynching was caused by Hong Dey being sentenced to life imprisonment instead of hanging.

THOMPSON FALLS, Idaho, caused by the breaking of a big dam on Blossom lake. Many wagons and teams were reported swept away and bridges destroyed, and it was feared that a number of lives were lost.

THE stockholders of the National Consumers' Stock Company, of which the Marquis de Mores is the head, recently filed a consent to the mortgaging of the company's chattels to Morris, Butt & Co., of Kansas City. The mortgagees are the company's Western agents.

AN agreement has been reached by which the affairs of the Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati have been placed entirely in the hands of the receiver and the charter declared forfeited.

NINETEEN thousand public school teachers attended the national convention which assembled in Exposition Hall, Chicago, on the 12th. Three-fourths of those present were ladies.

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### GENERAL.

ALL men on a furlough in South Russia, have been ordered to rejoin their companies.

EX-QUEEN ISABELLA, of Spain, has been the Duke of Edinburgh the grand cross of the Order of Charles III.

K. E. BRIDE, the evicted Irish tenant who accompanied Editor O'Brien to Canada, will probably be nominated to Parliament for the Carlow vacancy.

ANDREW GANNON published a letter in which he takes to himself the failure of James G. Blaine to get into the city hall at Edinburgh.

FOUR hundred and thirteen dwellings, the police offices, the school house and bank have been burned at Wittepsk, Russia, causing a loss of 2,000,000 roubles. Thousands of the city's inhabitants were homeless and a number perished.

THE French Government has acceded to Spain's request to expel Ruiz Zorilla if he should be proved to be concerned in revolutionary movements.

It is stated at St. Petersburg that Turkey has approved of the election of Prince Ferdinand as Prince of Bulgaria.

THE French Chamber of Deputies has unanimously refused to accept President Floquet's resignation.

THE Empress of Germany and Austria will meet at Gastein July 24.

THE Official Gazette, of Reichland, publishes an edict which requires that after the close of the present year the use of the French language in judicial pleadings be suppressed, and provides that the use of French in judicial documents shall be suppressed at the close of the year 1888. This edict applies to Metz, and other tribunals of commerce.

CHOLERA has broken out in Sardinia. Sixty Italian sailors were killed recently by a magazine explosion at Massowah, on the Red Sea. About thirty other persons were injured.

SINCE Boulanger's departure from Paris there has been an enormous sale of Boulanger scarf pins and the makers are deluged with orders from all parts of the country.

ORANJEMEX celebrated the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne in various cities of Canada, Ireland, England and the United States on the 12th. There were minor disturbances, consequent upon attacks by Ribbonmen, at Paterson N. J., Belfast and Liverpool.

W. & R. WALLACE, ship builders and owners of St. Johns, N. F., have failed.

A QUIET feeling was reported in Hawaii as following the recent successful revolution.

THREE midshipmen belonging to the British frigate Canada were drowned recently near Halifax, N. S., while out on a pleasure cruise in a small boat.

THE Pope is suffering from a slight stomach affection and neuralgia.

In a recent fight between Albanians and Montenegrin frontier guards two of the latter and ten of the former were killed.

THE French Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill to increase the regiments and strength of companies in the French army.

FRANZINI, the murderer of Mme. Regnault, her maid and the latter's child at Paris, has been convicted and sentenced to death.

A POLITICAL crisis exists in Guatemala. President Barrios has abolished the Legislature and increased the regiments and strength of companies in the French army.

McDONAGH, LOUIE & Co., oil and paint manufacturers of Montreal, have failed with \$250,000 direct liabilities.

RESPECTING the undervaluation of steel slabs exported from Charleroi, Belgium, and the certification of the consular agent at that place, the American special agent says: "The consular officers can place no confidence in his certificates, and the invoice might as well be a blank piece of paper so far as giving any information of market value is concerned."

THE Cologne Gazette denies that a bill is being prepared to make Prince Luitpold King of Bavaria.

THE Berlin Tagblatt says that Russia has ordered all the frontier merchants to dismiss the German clerks in their employ by September.

THE celebration of the fall of the Bastille at Paris on the 14th passed off without marked incidents.

FREDERICK KUPFF, the famous German gunmaker, died at Essen, Rhineland Prussia, on the 14th. He was born at Essen in 1812.

### THE LATEST.

NEON ex-soldiers of Louisiana propose to make a fight before the grand encampment next fall because refused admission to local Grand Army posts.

A BRASS band, supposed to be Texas fever has broken out among the herd of cattle belonging to H. C. Malone, near Springfield, Ill., and several are dying every day. The State authorities have been notified.

THE St. Lawrence sugar refinery at Montreal was totally destroyed by fire the other morning. One man was killed and two others fatally injured by jumping from a window. The loss was estimated at \$600,000; insurance, \$430,000.

THE New England shipyards at Lewiston, Me., were destroyed by fire on the 15th. Loss \$100,000.

A DISPATCH received at Washington recently reports that owing to an accident to the steering gear of the United States steamer Treason off Hampton roads, that vessel would not be able to go to sea for some time.

THE Treasury Department has decided that there is nothing in the Contract Labor law to prevent American citizens who may reside in Canada from engaging in labor in the United States.

The headboard of the boats belonging to the British ship Barrenham, from Shields, June 30, for San Francisco, have been found, and it is supposed that the vessel was sunk off Penzance.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ending July 14 numbered for the United States, 147; for Canada, 10; total 157, compared with 154 the previous week and 183 for the corresponding week of last year.

THE Amer of Afghanistan is reported to have defeated the rebels at Mashaiki, south of Guzni.

FIRE at Baltimore recently destroyed the Maryland hominy mills and other buildings, the loss amounting to \$230,000; insurance not known.

TWELVE strokes were reported in Cincinnati on the 15th, four of which were fatal.

A TERRIBLE collision occurred at the crossing of the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central railways at St. Thomas, Ont., on the 15th. The disaster was aggravated by the explosion of an oil tank which caused the burning to death of many persons. Nine bodies were recovered, but the extent of fatalities was unknown.

FIRE at the brewery of the Louis Bergdoll Company on Twenty-ninth street near Girard avenue, Philadelphia, the other morning caused a loss estimated at \$115,000 on buildings and contents. The insurance, it was believed, would fully cover the loss.

A. B. HILL, vice-president of the New York Stock Exchange, died suddenly the other morning in a fit. The cause was supposed to have been apoplexy.

A TERRIFIC cloud burst occurred in Tucker canyon, near Golden, twenty miles from Denver, Col., on the 14th. The canyon was full of campers, ore haulers, etc., who narrowly escaped with their lives, losing their teams, vehicles and other property.

### KANSAS STATE NEWS.

THE following new money order offices were recently established in Kansas. Ansel, Appleton, Dailyville, Belpre, Beverly, Bird City, Brown's Grove, Carleton, Celina, Colwich, Coronado, Fargo Springs, Fremont, Gandy, Gorham, Grainfield, Green, Gypsum, Hartland, Herington, Horace, Hugoton, Ivanhoe, Kanopolis, Latham, Leoti, Lerado, Linwood, Long Island, Mackaville, Neal, Norwich, Ogden, Partridge, Pearceville, Ravenna, Scott, Terrot, Tilden, Tribune, Tyrone, Ulysses, Webster, West Plains, Wilburn, Woodslake, Woodstock.

AFTER a trip through the State Labor Commissioner Betton recently said to a reporter: "I have found an increased demand for labor and better pay all around, and the comparison with the condition of affairs, in so far as labor is concerned, with last year, makes a very gratifying one for the present."

LATE post-office changes in Kansas: Established, Fagan, Graham County, Mary Minor, postmaster; Ogdenburg, Ness County, John A. McDeever, postmaster; Smolan, Saline County, Carl P. Matson, postmaster. Names changed, Bates, Pratt County, to Isabel, Barber County; Dresden, Kingman County, to Gleet, Reno County; Larimore, Franklin County, to Ima.

LATE fire at Norton destroyed Miss Lindsey's millinery store and goods to the amount of \$1,500. Also Smith & Co., flour and feed, \$1,500; Croswait Bros., implements, \$10,000; insurance \$3,000; J. H. Washell, blacksmith shop, \$1,800; Courier office, \$1,300; insurance, \$500; Pelham's wagon shop, \$500; Spencer & Son, merchandise, \$5,000; Brown & Co., merchandise, \$3,000; the Farmers' Exchange, \$500; Wright Bros., furniture and groceries, \$300; Sheridan & Harves, \$100; Fred Shelp, restaurant, \$500; Mrs. Broquet, \$3,000; the buildings of Cannon and Kennedy, \$1,500; the building of Dr. White, druggist, \$500.

THE total loss, uninsured, was \$34,800. During a recent heavy storm at Garden City lightning struck a tent occupied by the families of George and Henry Faithful, who were employed as laborers. Every one in the tent was prostrated, but the two men soon recovered, as did also the two children. A babe at the breast of its mother, Mrs. George Faithful, was but slightly hurt while the mother was almost killed. The lightning burned the hair from her head, plowed down her breast and both limbs, ripped open her shoes and tore her garments into tatters. There was but little chance of her recovery.

THE inquiry into the death of J. D. Tension, a wealthy citizen of Johnson County, who died June 18, was completed recently at Lenexa, and the widow was arrested for having poisoned her husband. The testimony of Prof. Bailey, State chemist, was that he had found arsenic in Tension's stomach and liver of sufficient quantity to produce death. The testimony of witnesses warranted the coroner's jury in rendering a verdict of poisoning and charging the crime upon the widow, who is past sixty years of age.

A SYNOPSIS of the report of the State Board of Agriculture for the month ended June 30, 1887, showed the acreage, condition and probable product of the crops named as follows: Wheat (winter and spring)—Acreage, 1,000,000; product, 40 per cent.; area from which a product may be expected, 83,479 acres; probable product, 8,344,790 bushels. Corn—Acreage, 15 per cent. excess of any former period; condition very fine—never better. Oats—Acreage, 30 per cent. above last year; condition, 60 per cent. as compared with the average for five years. Potatoes, condition, 100 per cent.; broom corn, 95; flax, 95; sorghum, 100; millet and Hungarian, 80; tame grass, 75; prairie grass, 100; live stock, 100; apples, 70; peaches, 15 per cent. of full crop.

THE State Historical Society recently received the certificate of stock from the Washington, D. C. M. E. Church, purchased by the late Mrs. H. M. Northrup, of Wyandotte, who died recently. She had set aside the sum of \$1,000 for the purchase of a pew in the Washington M. E. Church, for the use of Kansas visiting at the National Capital. The certificate bears the autograph of President Grant and Salmon P. Chase, Citizens of Kansas, who are in Washington, will, if they attend the Memorial M. E. Church, be shown to this pew if they so request.

THE Supreme Court recently rendered a decision in the Willie Baldwin murder case from Atchison, again deciding against the young murderer, overruling the motion for a new trial, and holding that the fourth amendment of the constitution of the United States was in no way violated or infringed in the trial of the defendant. This decision consigns him to the penitentiary for life unless the Governor at some future time should find it necessary to mitigate his punishment.

SILAS CLARK and W. M. Weaver, living near Mackaville, each claimed a quarter section of Government land, and upon meeting each other on the land the other morning Clark opened fire upon Weaver with a revolver, shooting at him three times without effect. Weaver then perforated Clark's face and chest with a charge of shot, from a shotgun, inflicting fatal wounds. He surrendered to the authorities and claims that the shooting was done in self-defense.

IN the United States District Court at Topeka the other day Frank Deere was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of fifteen months for a murder offense. Deere had made a business of answering advertisements for lost boys and girls, stating in his letter to anxious relatives with missing sons or daughters that he was at Sedan, too ill to write and had dictated the letter, and that if they would send funds he would return home. He is said to have received a handsome amount in this way.

TWO men were recently indicted by the United States grand jury at Topeka for fraudulently applying for and securing a pension for their mother-in-law. The proof was so well gotten up that the pension was promptly allowed, and the pension agent in Topeka received the instruction to pay it.

THE amount of the matter, and fearing that his mother would get into trouble, hastened to inform Pension Agent Glick and payment was withheld.

THE Newton street cars are running.

EDDIE MOSS, a twelve-year-old boy, was run over and instantly killed by the cars at Wellington the other evening. He and a young brother had gone to the depot to see their father off on the 6:10 train East.

AFTER departure of the train the boys climbed on a switch engine in the yard, and perceived by the engine that the sudden starting of the engine throw the one boy off the track and Eddie under the wheels. He was cut entirely in two.

THE Leavenworth base ball franchise has been sold to Hastings, Neb. The Hastings association will keep the best players in the Leavenworth team and sell the franchise to Wichita or Beatrice.

NATHANIEL HUBBARD has increased fifty per cent. during the year. It is now estimated at 10,329.

### CHINESE CUSTOMS.

FEELING Characteristics of the Natives of the Celestial Empire.

The situation of travelers in China is not of an enviable kind. When they leave Canton they are put in closed boats, guarded from seeing anything along the great canal. On their arrival at Peking they are put under immediate arrest. Chinese customs, taken alone, are odd enough, but their tout ensemble is amusing and savors of absurdity. Think of the men shaving their heads and eye brows; of the women's pressed feet; of the faces dyed yellow, to beautify them; of white and yellow mourning; of the odd usages of their daily life, where the natural order of the customs of civilized life seem so strangely inverted; by their taking dinner commencing with deserts and ending with their other food; drinking their wines scalding hot; snapping up their viands with chopsticks, and each guest signifying he is done by placing his chopsticks on the top of his head. These people think nothing of dying, but their solicitudes are entirely engrossed in their care about the coffin and their funeral. In their eyes religious worship and faith are an affair of taste and fashion, of no more importance than the color of your garments.

Their staple food is rice as tea is their drink. Their wines are made from rice. Though they possess the grape they do not use it for the purpose. Their mode of catching fish is peculiar; the men will wade in the water and strike a hard blow upon the surface of the water with their hands. This frightens the fish, which dive into the mud, and the moment a Chinaman feels one touch his feet, he himself dives also and soon brings up his fish from the mud. They have a singular way by which they seduce the fish themselves to jump into their boats. In every other country than China, when a man wishes to be avenged on his enemy, he endeavors to kill him, but in China, on the contrary, he kills himself. His foe falls at once into the hands of justice, and will certainly be tortured and ruined, even if he is not put to death. The family of the suicide usually obtains, in addition, a considerable pecuniary indemnity, and it is by no means rare for some wretch from a marked affection for his family to destroy himself in the house of a rich man.—W. G. Lewis, in Philadelphia Call.

### THE NEAPOLITANS.

A Species of Mankind Which has No Equal for Cheating and Lying.

The visitor who uses his faculties of observation is not long in making the discovery that the Neapolitan is of a different race to the dwellers in the surrounding country, and he is probably amused to hear with what scorn he is spoken of by his neighbors. No greater insult can be offered to a man hailing from Procidia or Capri, or one of the insignificant neighboring islands, than to assume him to be a Neapolitan. And so finely is this distinction drawn that the people living in Santa Lucia, the very heart of Naples, decline to be classified as Neapolitans. In fact, the different "sezzioni," or districts into which Naples is divided, speak a distinguishable patois, and though a stranger has some difficulty in discovering why the Luciani consider themselves superior to the other sections of the community, there is obviously a wide difference between an inhabitant of Naples and an ordinary Italian. In the first place, the Court of Naples in the Bourbon times always spoke French or Neapolitan, and utterly discontemned Italian. Nothing that could be done to keep Naples Neapolitan was omitted, and every thing that could be done to distinguish it from Italian was done. Hence the difference in race was widely accentuated. The Italian learned to look upon the Neapolitan with something more than disfavor. But there is a much more intelligible reason, and one which the stranger is not slow to discover for himself. For lying and cheating the true Neapolitan has no equal. His ways are as childlike and bland as those of our friend the heathen Chinese, and it is a marvel if, in any transaction, he does not succeed with equal cunning in transferring some of your cash to his own pocket without an adequate quid pro quo. Even the Jew is found to be beaten at his own game here, and has never gained a foothold in Naples. Self-respect and shamefacedness are unknown to the Neapolitan; he preserves the most unflinching demeanor in the face of being caught in downright robbery. It is scarcely to be wondered at, then, that his more upright neighbor protests against being confounded with a race he despises.—Murray